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MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Gordon R. Hendrick, on January 24, 2011 at 3:00 PM, in Room 472 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Gordon R. Hendrick, Chair (R)
Rep. Betsy Hands, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Brian Hoven, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Dick Barrett (D)
Rep. Gerald (Jerry) Bennett (R)
Rep. Virginia Court (D)
Rep. Kelly Flynn (R)
Rep. Alan Hale (R)
Rep. Bill Harris (R)
Rep. Cleve J. Loney (R)
Rep. Mike Miller (R)
Rep. Wendy Warburton (R)
Rep. Kathleen Williams (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Pat Connell (R)

Members Absent: Rep. Michele Reinhart (D)

Staff Present: Lauren Head, Committee Secretary
Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 49, 1/19/2011; HB 79, 1/19/2011

HEARING ON HB 49

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:10 Rep. Betsy Hands (D), HD 99, opened the hearing on HB 49, Authorize the sale of bonds to fund Blackfeet water compact.

00:02:39 Rep. Reinhart joined the meeting.

00:03:39 Rep. Connell joined the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:35 Sen. Auguare, SD 8

00:09:21 Sen. Jones, SD 14

00:15:12 Chris Tweeten, Chairman, Reserve Water Rights Compact Commission (RWRCC)

00:20:08 Rusty Tatsey, Blackfeet Tribal Business Council (BTBC)

00:24:10 Reis Fisher, BTBC

00:27:27 Mary Sexton, Director, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

00:29:08 John Bloomquist, Pondera County Canal and Reservoir Company

00:32:18 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association (MWRA)

00:33:20 Larry Mires, Executive Director, St. Mary Rehabilitation Working Group (SMRWG)

EXHIBIT(nah18a01)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:35:26 Rep. Loney

00:35:55 Mr. Fisher

00:36:17 Rep. Harris

00:36:55 Mr. Tweeten

00:37:12 Mr. Bloomquist

00:38:19 Rep. Harris

00:38:44 Mr. Bloomquist

00:39:13 Rep. Flynn

00:39:36 Mr. Tweeten

00:39:39 Rep. Flynn

00:39:49 Mr. Tweeten

00:40:20 Rep. Miller

00:40:37 Mr. Bloomquist

00:40:43 Rep. Miller

00:40:47 Mr. Bloomquist

00:41:13 Rep. Miller

00:41:21 Mr. Bloomquist

00:41:55 Rep. Miller

00:42:08 Mr. Bloomquist
 00:42:19 Rep. Miller
 00:42:31 Mr. Bloomquist
 00:43:21 Rep. Miller
 00:43:32 Mr. Bloomquist
 00:43:40 Rep. Miller
 00:43:48 Mr. Tweeten
 00:44:54 Mrs. Sexton
 00:45:18 Rep. Miller
 00:45:28 Mrs. Sexton
 00:45:47 Mr. Tweeten
 00:46:36 Rep. Williams
 00:47:24 Mr. Tweeten
 00:48:48 Rep. Williams
 00:48:58 Mr. Tweeten
 00:49:59 Chairman Hendrick
 00:50:29 Mr. Bloomquist

Closing by Sponsor:

00:51:33 Rep. Hands
 00:52:08 Rep. Connell
 00:52:37 Chairman Hendrick

HEARING ON HB 79

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:52:51 Rep. Lila Walter Evans (R), HD 16, opened the hearing on HB 79, Authorize spending authority for Blackfeet mitigation account interest payments.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:56:28 Chris Tweeten, RWRCC
 01:00:12 Rep. Reinhart left the meeting.
 01:01:21 Rusty Tatsey, BTBC
 01:01:43 Reis Fisher, BTBC
 01:03:01 John Bloomquist, Pondera County Canal and Reservoir Company
 01:03:44 Larry Mires, SMRWG
EXHIBIT(nah18a02)
 01:05:05 Mary Sexton, DNRC
 Sen. Auguare and Sen. Jones support HB 79 per Rep. Connell. (See time stamp 00:52:08)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

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| 01:05:32 | Rep. Miller |
| 01:05:59 | Mrs. Sexton |
| 01:06:16 | Bill Schultz, Program Manager, RWRCC |
| 01:06:57 | Rep. Connell |
| 01:07:50 | Mr. Kolman |
| 01:08:30 | Rep. Connell |
| 01:08:53 | Mr. Kolman |
| 01:09:06 | Mr. Schultz |
| 01:09:25 | Vice Chairman Hoven |
| 01:09:48 | Mr. Tweeten |
| 01:10:26 | Mr. Schultz |
| 01:11:06 | Vice Chairman Hoven |
| 01:11:23 | Mr. Schultz |
| 01:11:32 | Mr. Tweeten |
| 01:13:09 | Rep. Harris |
| 01:13:38 | Mr. Tweeten |
| 01:14:03 | Rep. Harris |
| 01:14:36 | Mr. Tweeten |
| 01:15:32 | Rep. Loney |
| 01:15:46 | Mr. Tweeten |

Closing by Sponsor:

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| 01:16:37 | Rep. Evans |
| 01:17:02 | Chairman Hendrick |
| 01:18:15 | Mr. Kolman |
| 01:18:23 | Chairman Hendrick |
| 01:18:57 | Mr. Kolman |
| 01:19:44 | Chairman Hendrick |

ADJOURNMENT

01:19:51 Adjournment

Lauren Head, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([nah18aad.pdf](#))